

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

November 10, 2006

## Message From County Executive Walker

*The members of the Milwaukee County Board passed their version of a county budget on Monday, November 6 on a 14 - 5 vote. The "County Board Budget" raises the property tax by nearly \$9 million. My original budget had a 0% increase in the tax levy.*

*What did the County Board "buy" with the additional \$9 million of your money?*

*The County Board budget raises the property tax levy by nearly \$9 million to fund a \$49 million pension contribution – without taking any action to curb the future growth of this obligation. Worse, they took the savings in 2007 from the use of a Pension Obligation Bond (POB) without making a final commitment to approve one.*

***My original budget stopped the growth of the pension liability with the use of POBs (like the State of Wisconsin and some 150 other governments). And unlike the County Board budget, we don't wait for another committee.***

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## Walker Honors Veterans



Scott Walker in the 2006 Veterans' Day Parade

County Executive Walker will travel throughout the county this Saturday for a variety of events to celebrate Veterans' Day:

At 10:30am, Walker will participate in the American Legion Milwaukee Police Post #415 and the Milwaukee Fire Fighters Post #426 Veterans' Day Ceremony at MacArthur Square.

At 5:00pm, Walker will be a celebrity judge at the Greater Milwaukee Fire & Police Pipes and Drums Chili Cook-off at Derry's Pub.

Finally, at 6:00pm, Walker will attend the Veterans' Day Banquet at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center.

Last Saturday, Walker participated in the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans' Day Parade through the streets of Milwaukee.

## Milwaukee County Zoo Offers Free Admission



The Milwaukee County Zoo is offering families FREE admission on Saturday, November 11, sponsored by Jewel-Osco. This is a great opportunity to see some of the zoo's newest residents including: a new female baby bonobo born in February to mother Ana Neema and dad Makanza. Also in this building, you'll notice another infant, Lucu, a male siamang born February 26 to parents Ann and Sam. For more information, go to [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)

## Walker Welcomes National Radio and TV Personality



Last Friday, County Executive Walker welcomed Sean Hannity to Milwaukee County as the nationally- known radio host and Fox News personality appeared at the Pabst Theater. Walker presented him with a proclamation naming the day as Sean Hannity Day in Milwaukee County.

## Vintage Cards Available



Vintage holiday cards will be coming back this year and will be available for purchase starting November 15 in both Southridge and Mayfair malls. This year's collection will include a set of Christmas cards packaged in a 15-card set. The cards detail the rich history of Milwaukee County Parks dating back to the 1920s. Proceeds from the sale of the cards help support the parks. Special golf certificates and packages will also be available for sale at the malls. For more information, go to [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com).